

**BRITISH MAKE
PROGRESS ON
YPRES FRONT**

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Northeast of Ypres
This Morning

**HOLD GAINS ON
OUTSKIRTS OF LENS**

The Details of To-day's On-
slaught Are Not Yet
Available

British front, in France and Belgium, Aug. 22 (by the Associated Press).—The British began another operation northeast of Ypres at dawn to-day on the battle-scarred ground between Langemark and Frenenberg. No details are yet available from this sector, which was the scene of the heaviest fighting last Thursday, in the assault by the British.

London, Aug. 22.—In the fire of heavy German counter-attacks, the British have maintained their newly gained positions on the outskirts of Lens, the war office announces. Further progress has been made at some points.

**GERMANS IN VIOLENT
COUNTER-ATTACKS**

Penetrate French Line But Were Driven
Out Again—Prisoners Taken
Now Number 6116.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The Germans made violent attacks last night on Verdun west of the Meuse. They penetrated the French lines at various points in their attempt to recapture the ground taken from them in the French offensive, but were driven out, the war office announces. German attacks east of the river were also repulsed. The number of prisoners taken has reached 6116.

**AUSTRIAN LINES
ARE FORCED BACK**

Vienna Admits Italians Have Made Gains
in Their Present At-
tack.

Vienna, Tuesday, via London, Wednesday, Aug. 22.—The new attack of the Italians has forced back the Austrian line at some points, the war office announces, and the village of Solo on the Carso plateau has been lost. It is said the Austrians have taken more than 5,600 prisoners.

RUSSIANS RETIRE.

As Germans Begin Offensive on Northern
Part of Russian Line.

Petrograd, Aug. 22.—The Germans have begun an offensive on the northern part of the Russian line between Tirmar and the river Aa, the war office announces. The Russians have retired two to three versts northward between the marshes and the river.

The Germans drove back advanced posts of the Russian cavalry to the town of Kemmern, in the direction of Tukum. A heavy artillery bombardment has been begun by the Germans in the regions of Dvinsk on the Dina river, near the northern end of the front, and of Brody in northern Galicia, near the border.

FRENCH GAIN FOOTING.

Berlin Admits Their Advance on Verdun
Front.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 22.—French troops have gained a footing in the southeastern part of Avocourt wood and on the knolls to the east of that position on the Verdun front, says the official statement to-day.

**ON THE ITALIAN-
AUSTRIAN FRONT**

Present Italian Offensive Is on a Vaster
Scale Than Any Previous
One.

Rome, Aug. 22.—The present Italian offensive is on a vaster scale than any previous one. New features were the shortening of the usual period of artillery preparation, which lasted only 24 hours, but was so arranged that, beginning lightly, it increased steadily and rapidly until a hurricane of shells was falling. Then, when it suddenly ceased, a squadron of airplanes flew in advance of the assaulting troops, forming a first line, using machine guns on the Austrians at short range. Many prisoners were made due to the violence of the detonations. They believed their positions were quite impregnable.

ENDS LIFE WITH BULLET.

Kittery Woman, Despondent, Commits
Suicide—Body Found After 3 Hours.

Portsmouth, Aug. 22.—Miss Helen Manson, 40, committed suicide yesterday by shooting herself through the head with a revolver. The body was discovered shortly after 8 o'clock by her sister, Miss Lucy Manson, with whom the dead woman lived at the old family homestead on the state road in Kittery. It is believed that she had been about three hours when found. Despondency over ill health is thought to have caused the act.

**PRICE OF SOFT COAL
AT MINES FIXED**

President Wilson Fixes Two Dollars as
Average Price for Coal at
the Mines.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—Bituminous coal prices were fixed by President Wilson last night for every mine in the United States. The next step in coal control, a White House announcement said, will be to fix the price to be charged by the middlemen and retailers.

Prices were set on cost of production estimates furnished by the federal trade commission after months of exhaustive investigation. The country is divided into 29 districts and every producer in a district will market his output at the same price.

The president named no agency to carry out the provision of his order, but is expected to appoint some coal administrator who will be given control of the coal industry. Rumor last night named President H. A. Garfield of Williams college as the man. Mr. Garfield now heads a committee named by the president to fix a government price for wheat. His work will end before September 1 when the wheat committee probably will be dissolved.

The prices of f. o. b. named for run of mine coal in the large producing districts average slightly more than \$2. In a few districts they are below that figure and in the western territory they are higher. Washington state is highest with \$3.35. The price for prepared sizes run from \$2.25 to \$2.60 and for slack or screenings from \$1.75 to \$2.15.

The prices fixed range from 20 to 35 per cent under the maximum price of \$3 fixed by government officials and operators at a conference here more than a month ago. The \$3 price agreement, however, did not hold, as many operators refused to abide by it after Secretary Baker, as president of the council of national defense, repudiated it as too high. Prices recently have ranged far above the \$3 limit.

The fixing of prices was the president's second step in the direction of coal control and was taken under authority given the executive in an amendment to the food control bill. The first was taken yesterday when the president named Robert S. Lovett as director of transportation and approved an order issued by Mr. Lovett directing that coal shipments to the northwest be given preference over other goods.

Last night's action was taken as indication that the president has abandoned a plan originally considered which called for government requisitioning of the output of all mines, with the government selling the product to the public. The procedure was strongly recommended by the federal trade commission and up until last night it had been believed it would be the program adopted.

**NO GERMAN HAND
IN POPE'S NOTE**

So Chancellor Michaelis Tells Reichstag
—Parties Divided on the
Subject.

Copenhagen, Aug. 22.—Dr. Michaelis, the imperial German chancellor, at the convening of the Reichstag main committee yesterday in Berlin said the recent peace proposal of Pope Benedict had been issued spontaneously, and not at the wish of the central powers.

The committee was informed by the chancellor that the pope's note would be answered only after the closest consideration with the Reichstag.

The preliminary reports of the session of the Reichstag committee indicate that the parties are divided regarding the pope's note on the same lines as on the Reichstag's peace resolution.

The conservatives, national liberals and Germanic groups are declared to be reserved in their opinion, while the Socialists, radicals and centrists are said to approve of the pope's action.

SURVIVOR TELLS OF ACCIDENT

Wreck Victims' Bodies Taken to Clare-
mont, N. H.

Claremont, N. H., Aug. 22.—The bodies of three of the victims of Monday's auto accident at Charlestown were brought here yesterday. They were Mrs. Jennie M. Kingsbury, her son, Lawrence, and Mrs. Emma J. Perkins. The body of Mrs. Perkins was taken to Woodstock, Vt., for burial beside her husband, who died four years ago. The body of the chauffeur, Loren W. Coleman, was taken to South Londonderry, Vt.

Fayette Kingsbury is still in a critical condition at the Bellows Falls hospital. He has a broken jaw, broken ribs and internal injuries.

Armentus Kingsbury, who escaped with only a scratch, yesterday threw new light on the tragedy. He said: "We ran up to within a rod of the crossing and then waited until the freight went by, then we noticed the arm on the signal drop and supposed that meant a clear track, so we started up and were just passing the first rail when I saw the engine right upon us. The next thing I remember was sailing through the air, then all was blank, until I came to on the side of the embankment."

Mrs. Perkins is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Crowder of Brownville, Vt., five brothers and two sisters. She was prominent in the Rebekahs, being a past noble grand. She was also past matron of the Eastern Star, a member of the Dames of Malta and Claremont grange.

How They Act on the Screen.

"Has Crimmon Cuth quit drinking?" "Yes," replied Bronco Boh. "And playing faro-bank?" "Quit, entirely."

"What do you do for amusement?" "Go to moving pictures and laugh at the reckless way they think we wild west fellows behave."—Washington Star.

**GERMANS RAID
ENGLISH COAST**

Airplanes Dropped Bombs,
Killing Three and
Wounding Two

**ONLY SMALL
DAMAGE DONE**

Two of the Raiding Ma-
chines Brought Down
by the British

London, Aug. 22.—Ten airplanes approached the English coast in county Kent to-day, the British war office announces. Two of the raiding machines were brought down. Bombs were dropped at Dover, an important naval base on the English channel and at Margate. Three persons were killed and two were injured. The statement says the raiders were unable to penetrate far inland. During the night several airships visited the Yorkshire coast in the north of England, but only a small amount of damage was inflicted. Bombs were dropped at the mouth of the Humber.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED

Poultny Drafted Man Escapes Year's
Prison Term.

Fair Haven, Aug. 22.—Raymond Peters of Poultny, because he has been accepted by the draft board, will escape a prison sentence of from 12 to 13 months. This young man and Mrs. Edith Saunders of Castleton were before Judge Leo E. Pratt here yesterday, charged with a statutory offense. Mrs. Saunders was sentenced to the house of correction for 10 to 12 months, while Peters was given the longer term.

After sentence had been pronounced Peters announced that he had been selected from the second draft division of Rutland county. Then there was nothing to do but suspend the sentence. Both were placed in the hands of the probation officer.

DRAFT OBJECTOR JAILED.

Fifteen Germans Arrested in South Da-
kota for Violation of Spy Act.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 22.—Fifteen Germans were arrested at Tripp, Hutchinson county, S. D., yesterday by federal officers, charged with violation of the espionage act, according to advices received here late yesterday afternoon. The men were taken to Yankton, S. D., and arraigned before United States Commissioner E. T. White for preliminary hearings.

Officials refused to divulge the exact nature of the complaint filed against the men. However, it is understood that they signed a petition to the county treasurer protesting against the draft. It was stated that most of the men did not understand what they were signing.

TWO BROOKLYN MEN JAILED.

Charged with Conspiring Against the
Draft Act.

New York, Aug. 22.—Dr. Henry Seligman and Lazarus Jacobson are in prison in Brooklyn to-day awaiting trial, charged with conspiring against the selective draft act.

Seligman, who was a volunteer member of exemption board 52, was born in Austria-Hungary and did not take out first papers until he volunteered to aid the board. According to agents of the department of justice, evidence against these men will show that Jacobson acted as a drummer-up of trade for the physician who is charged with granting exemption to Joseph Levy after Jacobson had accepted \$75 in marked money from Levy.

SEVERAL REPORTED KILLED.

Train Carrying Columbus Grocers Was
Wrecked Near Lime City, O.

Toledo, O., Aug. 22.—A special train carrying Columbus grocers to a convention at Detroit was wrecked to-day at Lime City. The engineer, fireman and several passengers are reported killed, and many were injured. The train was traveling at high speed when it left the rails, it is reported.

War Nurse Killed.

Boston, Aug. 22.—Mrs. Nancy Cochran of Troy, N. Y., a nurse with the Union forces during the Civil war, was killed in an elevator accident at a Back Bay hotel to-day. She was 73 years old.

A People's War.

"The great fact that stands out above all the rest is that this is a people's war, a war for freedom and justice and self-government amongst all the nations of the world, a war to make the world safe for the peoples who live upon it and have made it their own. The German people themselves included; and that with us rests the choice to break through all these hypocritical and patent cheats and masks of brute force and help set the world free, or else stand aside and let it be dominated a long age through by sheer weight of arms and the arbitrary choices of self-constituted masters, by the nation which can maintain the biggest armies and the most irresistible armaments—a power to which the world has afforded no parallel and in the face of which political freedom must wither and perish."—Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States.

**FIRE FOLLOWS A
QUEER WARNING**

The Incendiary Leaves a Note and the
Blaze Starts as the Owner
Goes for Help.

Lisbon, N. H., Aug. 22.—A mysterious fire, evidently the work of an incendiary, destroyed the farmhouse of Stephen Travena at Lyman, about three miles from here, yesterday afternoon.

A note saying that the building would be burned was found pinned to the milk strainer when Travena started about his work yesterday morning. It was signed "German Spies." Another note of similar import was found in the house by Mrs. Travena. It was at first thought to be a practical joke.

Upon looking about the house, however, several places were found where kerosene had been poured. As the matter then began to look serious, Travena ran to his brother's house near by, and before his return the house was in flames, having apparently started in the attic.

Aid was sent from this town in several automobiles, and by quick work much of the furniture was saved, as was the barn and shed. All the furniture on the second floor was lost.

TWO KILLED AND MANY INJURED

Lightning Plays Havoc with Massachu-
setts Regiments at Camp McGuinness.

Framingham, Mass., Aug. 22.—Two members of Company L, 9th Massachusetts infantry, were killed, nine others were seriously injured and three officers and a number of men suffered minor injuries when a severe electrical storm played havoc in Camp McGuinness yesterday.

The dead are Corporal E. P. Clark of Natick and Private E. J. Sullivan of Framingham, formerly of Norwood.

The streets of Companies L, B and E were struck but most of the injuries were to men in Company L, who were setting up tents when the storm struck. Persistent attempts with pulmotors were made in the hope of saving the lives of Corporal Clark and Private Sullivan, but the physicians finally were obliged to give up their efforts as vain. Sullivan, who enlisted from Norwood, married a Framingham girl two weeks ago and had established his home in this town.

One of the freaks of the storm was the burning of a cross on the forearm of Sergeant J. Sair of Natick, another member of Co. L, who was among a score that received lesser injuries and slight shocks.

THIRTEEN BRIDGES SWEEP AWAY.

Cloudburst Does Great Damage in North-
ern New Hampshire.

Colebrook, N. H., Aug. 22.—A cloudburst Monday night, which swelled the Mohawk river to a torrent carrying destruction before it, left this town inundated yesterday, sweeping bridges away and doing damage amounting into the thousands of dollars. A dam on a pond near the Balsams also gave way, adding its waters to the rushing Mohawk.

Thirteen bridges in this vicinity were swept from their positions, houses were undermined, lives endangered, railroad tracks washed out, and telephone and telegraph lines were put out of commission. Residents in the water-swept areas fled for their lives to Cooper Mill, where many spent the night.

There were many narrow escapes. The most thrilling rescue performed was when Officer Blakely saved Mrs. M. J. Spencer from drowning. The house in Pleasant street, occupied by the Spencers, toppled over into the river and the policeman was able only after the most sensational work to remove the woman to safety.

LIGHTNING FELLS STEEPLE.

Congregational Church at Danville Bad-
ly Damaged.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 22.—In another destructive electrical storm Monday night property was damaged in Danville and West Burke. In Danville the Congregational church was struck and the steeple ripped off. The bolt plowed down the side of the building, scattering shingles and clapboards in all directions. The chimney on the Masonic hall and the town hall were torn off, trees struck and electric lights and telephones burned out.

In West Burke the barn of Alvah Moulton was struck and burned to the ground with all the contents. The house was saved only by strenuous efforts. The furniture was all removed and was badly damaged by the heavy rain.

SHIPYARDS MEN TO STRIKE

All New York Yards, Including Navy
Yard, Included in Order.

New York, Aug. 22.—A general strike of machinists, boilermakers and blacksmiths engaged in marine work in the ports of New York and vicinity and including the Brooklyn navy yard, was ordered here yesterday at a mass meeting of representatives of marine metal workers. The strike was called to enforce settlement of a demand made six weeks ago for a minimum wage scale of \$4.50 a day. While no official action was taken to make the strike nationwide, the apparently unanimous sentiment expressed by the men indicated that such was their desire provided the issue was not quickly adjusted.

Lumber Company Incorporated.

Articles of association have been filed with the secretary of state at Montpelier in incorporating the Frontier Lumber Co. of Derby Line, with a capital stock of \$30,000. The incorporators are Everett Forsyth of Derby Line, Norman N. Walley of Sherbrooke, P. Q. and Norman E. Walley of Sherbrooke, P. Q. Articles have been filed incorporating the Windsor County Humane society with no capital stock and 45 incorporators.

**WAVE BATTLE-
TORN FLAGS**

Grand Army Veterans in
War-Time Shouts of
Patriotism

**FOR UNITED STATES IN
FREEDOM STRUGGLE**

Commander-in-Chief Patter-
son Says U. S. Has Drawn
Sword in Favor of People

Boston, Aug. 22.—William J. Patterson of Petersburg, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, speaking to-day at the opening session of the annual encampment, aroused the greatest enthusiasm by declaring America had drawn the sword in favor of the oppressed people of Europe who had appealed for help. The convention hall rang with war-time shouts as the veterans rose to their feet and waived their battle-torn flags and cheered wildly every reference by their leader to the unselfish motive which had prompted the United States to enter the struggle for the freedom of the world and without hope or thought of reward. Except for the physical training of men, this nation was never better prepared for war, Commander Patterson declared. The people of the whole country were thoroughly loyal and devoted to the flag. Our one-time enemies of the south now express unqualified loyalty and in the war confronting us the men of the north and the men of the south will be found marching shoulder to shoulder in the defense of humanity and the rights of the American union.

**G. ROSSI ARRESTED
AT SPRINGFIELD, MASS.**

Wanted in Rutland for Passing Alleged
Forged Check on Barre Bank—Caught
After Several Months' Search.

Rutland, Aug. 22.—Giovanni Rossi has been arrested in Springfield, Mass., and Deputy Sheriff Henry R. Adams went there yesterday to bring him to this city for arraignment before City Judge F. G. Swinnerton on the charge of forgery. The officers have been looking for Rossi since last spring. Deputy Sheriff Pascal Ricci recently located him in the Massachusetts city.

It is alleged that Rossi forged the name of his brother, Augustus M. Rossi, to a check for \$20 on the People's National bank of Barre, which he gave to F. M. Wilson of this city on April 16, 1917. A similar forgery at Fair Haven is alleged, the recipient of the check being Antonio P. Arnan.

SIXTEEN MEN DISCHARGED.

Are Free from Liability to Military
Service in United States.

Sixteen men, duly and legally called by the Washington county local board, were yesterday discharged from liability for military service. These men are:

Alexander Mathieson, 2 Plain street, Barre; Charles A. Adams, South Barre; Raymond P. Sweet, Waterbury; Walter J. Murray, Warren; Edward G. Gray, Waterbury; Henry L. Moiles, 72 Franklin street, Barre; Edwin L. Burke, Woodbury; Joseph H. A. Fortier, 23 Pike street, Barre; Vittorio Bizzozero, 8 Sibbey avenue, Montpelier; Robert M. Eagan, Waterbury; Roy H. Eulich, Waitsfield; Elmer E. Pierce, 30 Main street, Montpelier; George M. Estey, Roxbury; Glenn C. Stevens, Waterbury; Calvin H. H. Murray, 10 Summit street, Montpelier; Sarafin Lavin, 120 River street, Barre; Peter Gonyo, 23 Maple avenue, Barre; Maimino Ribas, Graniteville.

The following persons, who have been duly and legally called for the military service of the United States, and who have not been exempted or discharged are:

Eleazer J. Dole, 31 Perry street, Barre; Max Cecil Fisher, 24 Averill street, Barre; John W. Donald, Websterville; Carl Heinrich Low, Ossola house, Barre.

614 NAMES CERTIFIED.

Local Exemption Boards Have Accepted
This Number for Service.

The local exemption boards of the state have certified to the state board of appeals at Montpelier 614 names as having been accepted for service, while 1191 have been discharged or exempted from service, to date. The state board will begin to pass on appeals to-night.

F. G. FLEETWOOD'S CAR WRECKED.

Is Struck by Another Auto on a Bad
Piece of Road.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 22.—As Vermont's new secretary of state, Frederick G. Fleetwood, was going from St. Johnsbury to Littleton, N. H., yesterday afternoon, his car, a Packard twin six, was wrecked, but without injury to the occupants.

On Bulburt hill, a bad piece of road, familiar to many motorists, Secretary Fleetwood's car was struck by a Montreal car which suddenly swerved from the road and ran into him. Both cars were badly damaged and were towed to a St. Johnsbury garage and a borrowed machine. The Montreal man assumed all blame for the accident and agreed to make Mr. Fleetwood's loss good.

MATTRESS BADLY BURNED

But Roll of Greenbacks Concealed Within
Were Saved in Last Night's Fire.

Something some time last evening fired a clothes closet in the upper story of the store at the east end of Blackwell street bridge, and at 8:45 o'clock occupants of the store, having discovered the blaze, rang in an alarm from box 13 near Whitcomb Bros.' plant, so called. Pretty much all of the second-story interior was badly burned, the loss aggregating \$300. The store and tenement are occupied by Mrs. C. Rizzi, who carries insurance on her personal belongings in the Gauld & Robertson agency. E. N. Normandeau, who owns the building, is protected from his loss by insurance in the J. W. Dillon agency, and a trivial loss on the stock, caused by smoke, is covered in the G. H. Pape agency.

The particular silver lining to Mrs. Rizzi's cloud appeared after the firemen, by copious applications of chemical, had extinguished the blaze. A very large roll of bills, concealed in a badly burned mattress, was found intact. Clothing in a closet, bedding, woodwork and furniture were damaged irreparably, but the long green may be redeemed.

Three pieces of apparatus responded to the call, and 15 minutes after the alarm sounded the all-out signal was given, although the firemen remained on the premises to guard against a further outbreak. Mrs. Rizzi offered as a possible explanation of the fire the fact that she visited the clothes closet late in the afternoon with a lighted candle. The other theory has to do with the possibility of defective wiring, but Chief Gladding is inclined to the belief that the fire started from a match carelessly thrown aside or from the candle. The building was formerly used as a sub-fire station by the city and was sold to Mr. Normandeau when the auto fire truck was purchased.

WHISKEY, BEER AND ALE.

Secured By Officers Who Raided Mrs.
Mary Corti, 9 Addison Place.

Convivial spirits slaking their several thirsts about a table in the house at 9 Addison place last evening were interrupted by a knock at the door. The callers proved to be Chief Sinclair, Officer David Henderson and Deputy Sheriff G. L. Morris, who had come straight from police headquarters with a search and seizure warrant issued at the request of State's Attorney Earle R. Davis. Their search disclosed two half-barrels of Highland Spring ale, a barrel of bottled beer and five quarts of whiskey. The wet goods and Mrs. Mary Corti, alleged keeper thereof, were bundled off to the police station while an officer jotted down data supplied by the woman's company.

Later in the evening a charge of selling liquor illegally was preferred against Mrs. Corti and the case was continued until to-day. This morning at 9 o'clock the respondent was arraigned before Magistrate H. W. Scott in city court and a hearing was set for Friday, Sam Bogna became recognized in the sum of \$550 for the woman's appearance. Hoar & Fay have been retained for the defense.

DEATH OF THOMAS J. BROWNE.

Long-Time Barre Granitecutter Passes
Away After Long Illness.

Thomas J. Browne, a well known Barre granitecutter, passed away at his home, 25 West street, last night at 9:45 o'clock, the end following a long illness. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Catherine Kingston, to whom he was married in Barre 19 years ago last May; and six children, Edward, Thomas, Florence, William, Arthur and Dorothy Browne. Surviving also are his mother, Mrs. Mary Browne of Manchester, N. H., his three sisters, Mrs. James Murray, Mrs. Lou Cross and Mrs. Frank Mitchell of Manchester, N. H., and three brothers, James Browne, a local granite manufacturer, Edward C. Browne and Robert E. Browne, who live in Manchester, N. H. The deceased was born in Inverness, P. Q., July 22, 1865. He learned the granitecutter's trade in St. Johnsbury and came to this city around 25 years ago. Mr. Browne was a member of Granite City camp, M. W. of A. and belonged to St. Monica's church.

Funeral services will be held in St. Monica's church Friday forenoon at 9 o'clock. The parish priest, Rev. P. M. McKenna, will be the officiating clergyman, and interment is to be made in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street.

WAS NATIVE OF ORANGE.

Daniel D. Averill Died at Home of His
Sister in Montpelier Yesterday.

The death of Daniel D. Averill, a native of Orange, occurred yesterday at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. E. Johnson, at 72 East State street, Montpelier. Death was due to heart trouble with which he had been ill for about seven weeks.

The deceased was born in Orange March 23, 1850, son of Leonard B. and Eliza Averill. He lived in Barre when a boy and attended Barre academy. For several years he conducted a business in Marshfield with his father, manufacturing butter-boxes. He returned to Barre in the eighties and opened a livery business, then removed to Piermont, N. H., and with his brother was in business until 1910 when his brother died and he came to Montpelier to reside with his sole surviving relative, Mrs. Johnson.

He was married in 1883 to Lizzie B. Nichols of Barre, one child being born to them, but he died in infancy and the wife died in 1885. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock from 72 East State street, with burial in Elmwood cemetery, Barre.

Garrett Minister to Holland.

Washington, Aug. 22.—John W. Garrett of Baltimore was nominated yesterday by President Wilson as minister to The Netherlands and Luxemburg.

**ACCUSE HEALTH
BOARD MEMBER**

Claim Made He Was Dere-
lict in Duty in Report-
ing Polio Case

**HEALTH COMMITTEE
TO INVESTIGATE**

Charge Made to City Coun-
cil The Street Railway
Franchise Up Again

Growing out of charges made at the city council meeting last night, an investigation started to-day by the aldermanic health committee is designed to ascertain whether a member of the board of health was derelict to his duty in the matter of reporting a poliomyelitis case on Division street some weeks ago. Accusations made by George Murray, jr., and Manuel Johnson, who are seeking compensation for lost time and the former for doctor's bills, too, involve the claim that Charles Olliver, a member of the board of health, refused at various times to summon a physician when a case of poliomyelitis was suspected and that the board of health discriminated in the matter of enforcing the quarantine by permitting one of its own number to enjoy the freedom of the city while other citizens residing on the same street were required to stay at home.

Messrs. Murray and Johnson got the ear of the council by using plain words and before leaving the council chamber they had so far established their case as to gain an extension of time in which to pay their taxes. Mr. Olliver, the member who was the target for the charges, and Secretary J. W. Stewart, who was criticized for alleged discrimination, were not present to submit their sides of the case. The question of whether Mr. Murray and Mr. Johnson are to be recompensed for loss of wages and doctor's bills is held in abeyance pending the investigation. Both men have been asked to testify, with others, at a hearing to be held next Tuesday evening, or possibly on an earlier date.

In his statement before the council, Mr. Murray referred to a bill of \$88.50 for wages and physician's fees, which he had submitted to the clerk. Turning to his experiences in the early days of "polio's" appearance, the complainant said that if Mr. Olliver had done his duty at the beginning of the week in which the Ross child developed the disease, the malady would have been confined to a single house in the south end. He quoted Health Officer Olliver as saying that he had done enough when he finished notifying people in that locality of conditions in the Ross home. Continuing, he charged that the health officer even delegated this work to others. When interrogated by Alderman Alexander, Mr. Murray stated that two of the Ross children were with the Olliver children on the evening before the quarantine was established, although the health officer and his son were not shut in as were others who had not been exposed in this way. In the rejoinder, too, he told of calling on the health officer at his stonished and asking him to call a doctor for the Ross child in order to establish the nature of its illness.

He further quoted Mr. Olliver as refusing and credited to him the statement that he was afraid the neighbors would laugh at him if he called a doctor and the suspicions were not confirmed. After his last appeal to the health officer, Mr. Murray said, he called Dr. Stewart by telephone, made an appointment with him, and had the satisfaction of seeing the granitecutter's trade in St. Johnsbury and came to this city around 25 years ago. Mr. Browne was a member of Granite City camp, M. W. of A. and belonged to St. Monica's church.

Funeral services will be held in St. Monica's church Friday forenoon at 9 o'clock. The parish priest, Rev. P. M. McKenna, will be the officiating clergyman, and interment is to be made in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street.